

Senators present: Linda Cowan, Brian Fencl, Jeff Pfister (*secretary*) Gregory Chase, James Crumbacher, David Hanna, Hannah Harnar, Aaron Huffman, Ryan Koenig, Sheli Bernstein-Goff, Darrin Cox, Aaron Harper, Corey Reigel (*vice-chair*), Peter Staffel, Robert Gall (alt), Theunis van Aardt, Margy Bowman, Fuhua Chen, Chad Kuhns, Jon Serra (*chair*), Matthew Zdilla

Absent members: Michael Aulick

Administrators, Representatives, and Honored Guests: Stephen Greiner (*President*) Brian Crawford, (*Provost*), Sylvia Hawranick-Senften (*ACF Representative*), James Haizlett, (*BOG Representative*)

Senate was called to order by the Senate Chair, Jon Serra at 3:30 p.m. in Campbell Hall, room 304.

President Greiner:

- Technology Infrastructure Upgrade – 7 bids were received, 6 bids are under review. Possibility to begin in May with a completion by August.
- State Budget – Meetings with legislation, discussions range with cuts ranging from 0% to 20%. Administration preparing multiple scenarios based on projected cuts to account for uncertainty.
- Bill Updates – a. No traction to eliminate HEPC. b. Another discussed proposal is to study all higher education in WV, reporting to the 2018 general assembly. Such as study would look at mergers and consolidations. c. Bill to charge above 18 credit hours is gaining traction.
- *Questions from floor* – 1) HEPC funds. Discussion followed.

Provost Crawford:

- Academic Programs and Personnel
 - HLC visit complete and went well for Master's in Biology. Possible to receive approval in early June and begin in the fall.
 - Policy 210 – changes need made to include Affordable Care Act limits for adjuncts
 - Policy 247 - changes need made to add wording from SAKAI about Title 9
 - New Policy 251 – Required by HEPC.
 - New Policy 255 – Graduate Faculty, defining and reviewing draft completed by committee
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Teaching loads, 2) Faculty/Staff representation on the search committee for the Assistant to Provost.

Roberta Linger – VP of Finance and Administration:

- FY'17 revenues and expenses are tracking as planned
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) Planning to prepare for “unknown” state appropriations, 2) Examining alternative reimbursement plans to reduce labor hours. 3) P-card accountability

Sylvia Hawranick-Senften – ACF Representative:

- Communication - stay informed by contacting legislators
- HEPC funds – where does the money go? 1) Matching of federal dollars in grants, 2) pass-through of federal financial aid
- HEPC value – Why is this governing oversight needed. 1) Transfer in articulation agreements, such as providing national expects to assist with training throughout state, 2) Coordinated library system, 3) Federal grants to support specific initiatives such as Rural Health
- Text your personal zip code to (520) 200-2223 to receive a list of your legislative representation
- *Questions from the floor* – 1) HEPC reserve funds

Jim Haizlett – BOG Representative:

- BOG Representative Election procedures

Linda Cowan – Personnel Policies & Procedures Report:

- Policy 216
 - Darrin Cox made a motion to permanently table motion from previous meeting regarding Policy 216, seconded by Corey Reigel. Motion passes unanimously
 - Linda Cowan made a motion to amend Policy 216 with language that was sent to the faculty, seconded by Sylvia Hawranick-Senften.
 - Senate was briefed on changes to wording of Policy 216 and comments received.
 - Questions from the floor and discussion followed
 - *Vote* – Peter Staffel called the question. Faculty voted - motion passes (17-yea, 2-no, 0-abstained).
- Policy 217
 - Motion to accept Policy 217 – Linda Cowan, seconded by Theunis van Aardt
 - No Discussion. Linda Cowan called the question.
 - *Vote* – Faculty voted, motion passes unanimously.
- Committee has been requested to review maternity policy

Aaron Harper – Academic Policies Report:

- Policy 221
 - Senate was briefed on current policy process and the committee’s revision.
 - Discussion.
 - *Vote* – Motion made to accept Policy 221 as presented to faculty by Peter Staffel, seconded by Theunis van Aardt. No discussion. Faculty voted, motion passes unanimously.

- Policy Review Committee
 - Senate was provided a handout
 - Policy 227 – out for comment
 - Non-Substantive changes made by committee (Policy 223, 224, 226, 231, 232, 241)

Darrin Cox – Finance Report:

- Faculty Salary Policy Review Committee
 - Election of faculty representative to Faculty Salary Policy Review Committee. Representation should be from either the College of Education or Business.
 - Gregory Chase nominated James Crumbacher. Linda Cowan made motion to close, seconded by Sylvia Hawranick-Senften.
 - *Vote* – Senate voted, nomination passes unanimously
- Salary Inequities
 - Provost Crawford reported that Diana Harto has been working with HEPC to conduct a review of all salaries across campus

Matt Inkster – Classroom Space Utilization and Facility Allocation:

- No Report

Faculty Forum:

- Various topics were identified and discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Senate adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Pfister, Senate Secretary